

Project Newsletter

For the Proposed Warm Water Fish Hatchery at Gandy or Goshen Warm Springs

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The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, a federal agency, and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources are considering the Gandy Warm Springs in Millard County, Utah or the Goshen Warm Springs in Milford County as possible sites for a proposed warm water fish hatchery production facility. The Goshen site is also being considered for an interim June sucker hatchery while the production facility is brought on line. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental analysis is being completed to evaluate potential impacts from both proposed projects. This newsletter provides new information about the projects.



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Updated schedules

For the warm-water production hatchery Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

Draft EIS: August 2003
Public meeting: September 2003
Final EIS: January 2004
Decision: March 2004

For the June sucker interim facility Environmental Assessment (EA):

Draft EA: February 2003
Final EA: April 2003

Ideas needed on use of Gandy Warm Springs

As part of the NEPA analysis, we need your ideas to see if there are ways to provide public access to the Gandy Warm Springs, and still allow fish (and other native aquatic species) to grow in a disease-free environment.

One idea under discussion is to modify the pond located approximately one half-mile downstream from the main spring, to improve its appearance and make it more readily accessible for public uses, such as recreation and baptisms.



If you have further ideas, please let us know. Contacts are listed at the bottom of this page.

Consultant hired to complete NEPA

Bio-West, an environmental consulting firm in Logan, Utah, has been hired to complete the environmental analysis (NEPA) for the proposed warm water hatchery, to be built either at Gandy Warm Springs or Goshen Warm Springs. The firm will also conduct an Environmental Analysis (EA) for the interim June sucker hatchery proposed for Goshen Warm Springs.

Bio-West has extensive experience working with native fish projects in Utah. They will evaluate a range of alternatives for both the warm water production hatchery and the interim June sucker facility.



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